

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 746
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Martin Sells and the Kingsport Christian High School Soccer Team on winning the Tennessee Athletic Association of Christian Schools Class AA State Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected Representatives of the State of Tennessee should recognize and honor those outstanding athletic teams that work hard, demonstrate extraordinary diligence and determination, and excel to win championships; and

WHEREAS, the great Kingsport Christian High School boys' Soccer Team has evidenced the highest level of proficiency and by doing so, has won the Tennessee Athletic Association of Christian Schools Class AA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the opening game of the tournament, the Lions soundly defeated Fairview 3-1 with clutch play by Samuel Rose, and Chris Rainey; and

WHEREAS, in the semi finals, the Kingsport defeated Metropolitan 2-0, as Lee Salyers and Andrew Howard scored the goals that led the Lions to the championship contest; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game, which is probably the most exciting game ever played in tournament, Kingsport defeated Central Baptist 2-1 in double-overtime; and

WHEREAS, with Central in the lead 1-0, Simeon Jackson scored, putting the game into overtime; when Brian Hobbs was fouled, Josh Cone scored the fame-winning goal on the subsequent penalty shot; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Carter, Simeon Jackson, Travis Perry, Samuel Rose, Jeremy Falin, and Chris Rainey, as a defensive unit, held the Lions' opponents to only 2 goals during the entire tournament; and

WHEREAS, senior Scott Rainey was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player, with teammates Lee Salyers and Simeon Jackson being selected to the All-State Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, the Lions' superb 17-2-1 overall record represents the best record in school history; and

WHEREAS, Coach Martin Sells and his Assistant, Coach Leonard Salyers, have done an excellent job; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the team, each of whom made significant contributions to the team's overall success, include: seniors Roger Coomer, Jarrett Hively; sophomores Jonathan Bailey, Jason Brown, Josh Brown, Josh Lester, Ben Lohr, and eighth grader, David Harris; and

WHEREAS, Proverbs 30:30 states: "A Lion which is strongest among the beasts and turneth not away for any". This statement certainly was true of the Lions team this season; they faced strong opponents and were never deterred from their goal of winning the State tournament; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and honor this great team on its many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Martin Sells and the Kingsport Christian High School boys' soccer team on winning the Tennessee Athletic Association of Christian Schools Class AA State Tournament and wish them continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.